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PILGRIM Y.P. IN STOCKTON

Having as its theme the findings of the Christian Conferences at Edinburgh and Oxford, the Mid-winter Conference of the Northern California Pilgrim Fellowship provided a three-day program of thought and fellowship for 138 young people. Held this year in Stockton, December 27, 28, and 29, the meeting offered an exceptional opportunity to learn about present world problems and of the recent efforts made by Christian leaders to meet these problems.

Outstanding names on a fine faculty were those of Dr. Herman Swartz, president of the Pacific School of Religion, and Dr. Harley Gill. Dr. Swartz, in a very stimulating address, presented the subject of the Edinburgh Conference. In addition to the actual proceedings, he gave the background of the conference, explaining the causes of the breaks in the church and earlier attempts at church unity. He stated that while there were many hopeful indications at present, the ultimate success of this project depended, not upon his generation, but upon young people of today. A period was set aside on the following morning for an open forum on this subject. These forums provided an opportunity for discussion, and the answering of questions by Dr. Swartz and Dr. Gill.

Dr. Gill's subject was the Oxford Conference, which was concerned chiefly with social and economic problems. The subject arousing the most interest was that of world peace. This was recognized, in sight of recent international developments, as probably the most vital problem today, and the views which a Christian should hold toward war provoked much discussion in the forum.

A new feature this year was the presence of a director for the Mid-winter Conference. Sidney H. Buckham of San Mateo served in this capacity and contributed much to the smoothness and success of the conference.

Another innovation this year was the addition to the faculty of a chaplain. Rev. H. J. Loken had charge of all worship services, and in this way a measure of continuity and unity was obtained which otherwise would have been impossible. Young people, however, participated in the services, which were held every morning and evening.

In addition to the addresses and forums, there were roundtables or class periods for the discussion of various subjects in smaller groups. There were six of these groups, including one primarily for college age young people, which dealt with topics related to the general theme and covered the various phases of the problems. The ideas brought out in these roundtables were brought back to the whole conference in a summary meeting on the last day.

The accommodations at Stockton were excellent, and the fine work of Dr. Noel Breed, pastor, and Mrs. L. M. Drury, registrar, made it possible to keep the total cost of the conference down to two dollars each. Delegates were housed by the members of the church, and excellent meals were served at the church.

The worship services and addresses were held in a Jewish Synagogue across the street from the church. This gracious hospitality and the hearty welcome extended to us by Rabbi Levi is a fine example of interdenominational cooperation.

By GARVER JENSEN, President, Pilgrim Fellowship of Northern Calif.

FAIRFAX WINS

One of the greatest victories recorded by any church in this Conference was lifting of the bank mortgage on the Fairfax church property. Some months ago the bank threatened foreclosure. There was a total in mortgage, interest and unpaid taxes due of about $2300. It seemed like an almost impossible task. A great friend and former parishioner of the pastor, Rev. Charles L. Mears, agreed to give $500, which was later increased to $600, on the condition that the total amount be raised and paid in full.

A community organization was set up under the direction of a man in the community who was not even a church man, and after weeks of arduous work the full amount was paid. The church is now looking forward to a celebration when the mortgage will be burned. There is still an obligation to the Church Building Society, which will no longer frighten and depress the Fairfax people. But the burden of bank martgage has been lifted and the church has a new confidence in its ability to do worthwhile things.

XMAS FUND $73,600

What a cause for rejoicing to several hundred aged ministers and widows was the receipt of a very generous Christmas check from the Board of Ministerial Relief and the Congregational Ministers' Relief Society! The Christmas Fund Appeal received such a generous response that it was possible to add several dollars to the size of the checks sent out a year ago. The average for this year was $49 for ministers and $37 for widows. A total of $485 was distributed by the California Congregational Ministers' Relief Society to its pensioners. The money that reached the New York office too late for distribution is held in an emergency fund to help out in cases of illness or extraordinary need during the year. The letters of appreciation that have reached this office, if they could be read by the donors, would be abundant reward for their gifts.

GAIN OR LOSS?

PACIFIC goes to press before the final results of benevolence giving for 1937 are known, and it is impossible to publish a church-by-church report either of the Thank Offering or of the regular apportionment receipts in this issue. Both will appear in February. By that time national figures will be available, and it will be known whether or not a gain has been made. At the time of writing this paragraph, remittances are coming in encouragingly. According to figures released by the Missions Council on the first of December, Northern California had gained 8.3 per cent over the corresponding period a year ago.

A WAY TO A HAPPY NEW YEAR

To leave the old with a burst of song,
To recall the right and forgive the wrong;
To forget the thing that binds you fast
To the vain regrets of the year that's past;
To have the strength to let go your hold
Of the not worthwhile of the days grown old;
To dare go forth with a purpose true,
To the unknown task of the year that's new;
To help your brother along the road
To do his work and lift his load;
To add your gift to the world's good cheer,
Is to have and to give a Happy New Year.

—Robert Brewster Beattie.

C.C.C. ANNUAL

This year, the Annual Meeting of the California Church Council was held in the Northern Area in the City of Sacramento. The Sacramento Federation of Churches was host to the members, delegates and friends attending. Instead of devoting the Annual Meeting merely to matters of business as heretofore, a Conference was arranged in connection with the business meeting for the purpose of presenting to the churches of California a review and interpretation of the Oxford and Edinburgh World Conference on unity. The following California delegates to Oxford and Edinburgh presented a most interesting program and led the audience in discussing the application of the ideals of unity to our California Churches: Bishop Edward L. Parsons, Bishop James C. Baker, Dr. Harley H. Gill and Dr. Herman F. Swartz.

In connection with the Conference on December 10, a special luncheon was arranged at which Governor Frank F. Merriam was the principal speaker. Governor Merriam outlined to a large audience his desires for a Hall of Religion at the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition and gave his assurance that everything possible would be done to bring such a program to realization. Governor Merriam also spoke of his desire for a great Peace Palace at the Exposition and solicited the cooperation of Church people in this great program.

MID-WINTER MEETINGS

The regular Mid-Winter Meetings of the National Boards, of the Women State Presidents, and the State Superintendents will be held in Evanston, Illinois, beginning January 21. Northern California will be represented by Professor Charles A. Kofoid, member of the Prudential Committee of the American Board; Mrs. A. V. Dunn, President of the Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California and member of the National Executive Committee of Women State Presidents, and Superintendent Gill. Rev. Lawrence Wilson, member of the Council for Social Action, finds it impossible to attend this year.

Rev. and Mrs. Westwood Wallace of Martinez are the happy parents of a new baby boy, who arrived between Christmas and New Year's. He has a proud little brother of the age of 2½.

PASTORAL CONFERENCE PLANS COMPLETE

The dates of the annual Pastoral Conference and Earl Lectureship have been changed since the last issue of **The Pacific.** As now announced, they will be February 22, 23, and 24. Chief among the list of speakers will be the Earl Lecturer for the year, Secretary Henry A. Wallace, head of the Department of Agriculture of the United States Government. His general theme will be "The Place of Religion in the Rural Community." He will speak Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings at the First Congregational Church in Berkeley, and will give one address to the ministers at a day session.

Other speakers from a distance will be Rev. Henry Kendall Booth of Long Beach, who was prevented by an automobile accident from participating a year ago. His subjects will be: "The Mobilization of Labor," "The Challenge of the Co-operatives," "The Advance of Collectivism," and "Shall We Retain the Social Gospel?" Kenyon J. Scudder, Probation Officer of Los Angeles County, will speak on "Why Have Delinquents?" and "The Ministry and Delinquency." Rev. Charles Gilkey, Chaplain of the University of Chicago, will give an address on "Preaching to Youth."

President Swartz, Rev. E. A. Fridell, and Superintendent Harley H. Gill will bring echoes of the Oxford and Edinburgh Conferences. Round table discussions will be led by Professor James Muilenburg on "Prophetic Religion," by Professor C. C. McCown on "Contributions to the Social Interpretations of Jesus," by Professor Buckham on "The Nature and Function of the Church," and by Professor George Tolson on "The History of the Social Gospel." It is expected that Mrs. Henry M. Wieman of Chicago will conduct a round table on "Pastoral Counselling."

Congregational ministers will assemble for luncheon at noon, probably on Wednesday, for their customary hour of fellowship. Entertainment for out of town ministers will be provided to those applying for the same at the office of the school.

"LOANED BY GOD"

A letter from Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd L. Lorbeer of Pasumalai High School, India, mention the hope of being on furlough and visiting their friends in 1939 and 1940.

Speaking of the difficulty of raising missionary money in the churches here, Mr. Lorbeer declares they are seeking to make every dollar go farther than formerly on the field. "We think of all of it as trust money loaned by God and assure you that just as it comes with much prayer and sacrifice, so it shall be spent with much prayer and always in a way which develops character. As I write, a fine lad has just come in saying, 'The mosquitoes are bad. It is most difficult to study in the evening. A mosquito net costs 80c. There is a dead tree on the hillside. May I earn this money by cutting and splitting this tree for firewood?' I could hire a coolie for 10c a day but shall pay this boy about 3c an hour so that he can have the net within a week."

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TELLING TESTIMONY

Under date of January 3, the Oakland Tribune carried an article by George E. Sokolsky entitled "Americans in China." Sokolsky, himself a Jew, stationed in China as a newspaper man for many years, in answering the question that is on the lips of many Americans, "What are Americans doing in China anyway?" presents this remarkable statement of the missionary enterprise:

"But the most significant job done by Americans in China is neither the buying nor the selling of goods. It is so great a work that it is altogether misunderstood by small minds and even smaller hearts. That is the tremendously important and valuable services of the American missionary.

"These men and women have gone into town and village bringing with them not only the many varieties of Christianity, but a new cultural pattern in my opinion, a nobler cultural pattern than the Chinese retained amid the disintegration of China's indigenous social and intellectual establishments during the last century.

"Take, as an example, St. John's University in Shanghai, or the Shanghai College (which used to be the Shanghai Baptist College), or Lingnaam University (which used to be called the Canton Christian College), or Yenching in Peking or Soochow University, or Yale-in-China—these and many more have kept the light of modern learning aflame in China during the dark days of civil war and revolution and change of government.

"And these missionaries brought medicine and hospital and nursing and child welfare to China. They brought a new conception of social relationships—not man-for-his-family, but man-for-society — a broadening of viewpoint.

"They planted the seeds of a social revolution which, if it did not quickly make China strong, at any rate, produced in China a forward-looking, progressive, non-opium smoking monogamous leadership.

"Chiang Kai-shek and the Soongs are Christians. In fact, the Soong family is particularly notable for its Christian affiliations, for on the mother's side, they trace themselves back to a famous figure at the end of the Ming dynasty who came under the influence of Ricci and whose daughter, Candida, was the first nun in China, while Charles Soong, the father, actually came to China from the United States to teach English and the Bible.

"The present Chinese Ambassador to the United States, D. C. T. Wang, was the first Chinese secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in China, while Dr. H. H. Kung, who was in this country recently and is still Minister of Finance of whatever remains of government in China, was secretary of the Chinese Y. M. C. A. in Japan at one time.

"It is impossible to over-emphasize the great value to China of the American missionary, of the American school and hospital situated in that country.

"And it is to be noted here that, in a measure, we did as well by Japan. It is true that the Japanese sooner than the Chinese, were ready to take over many schools and hospitals which American good-will had established in their country. But, for years, our missionaries labored there, as in China —not forcing anything down unwilling throats, but offering help and service to those who were willing and eager to receive.

"I have known the American missionary in China well. He has been my friend. I have lived at his house. He has dined at my table. I know of no human beings who are more self-sacrificing, more loyal to the people among whom they live, more generous, and less materially rewarded for an arduous life than most American missionaries. No matter what happens to China, most of them will remain at their posts valiantly laboring for the simple people who love them."

Economic Plebiscite

Pastors and members of our churches are being invited to cooperate with the Council for Social Action in the framing of the questions for the Economic Plebiscite to be held in the fall. A group of experts, headed by Dr. Willard L. Thorp, Director of Economic Research of Dun and Bradstreet, have made a first draft of the plebiscite, after getting the reaction of about a hundred men and women of varied economic philosophies. The Council is now seeking a wider reaction to these questions, in order that the plebiscite may be so framed as to have real meaning to the average person who is unversed in technical economics but very much concerned with human welfare.

The Council for Social Action invites the churches to organize small groups of men and women to analyze the present questions and to suggest changes as seem wise. A leaflet outlining procedure and containing much useful information may be had upon request to the Council's national office at 289 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

The basic handbook for study of economic issues will be published April 15. Chapters will deal with such issues as Unemployment and Relief, Government and the Farmer, Labor Unions, Public Utilities, Tariffs, Consumers' Cooperatives. This handbook is now being submitted to specialists in various fields. The Council will send it, chapter by chapter in mimeograph form, for the critical comment of groups which have been set up during the winter to discuss the plebiscite questions. Thus, the churches will share in its preparation.

Advance orders are now being received for this ECONOMIC PLEBISCITE PRIMER: 25c for single copies; 8c a piece when ordered in quantities of 25 or more to one address. The primer will be received by all subscribers as a regular issue of SOCIAL ACTION ($1.00 a year).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 13-14—Annual meeting, Federation of Congregational Women, First Church, Berkeley.
February 22-23-24—Earl Lectures and Pastoral Conference, Pacific School of Religion.
April 17—Easter Sunday.
June 15-22—General Council of Congregational Churches, Beloit, Wis.
July 30 to August 6—Pilgrim Fellowship Summer Conference, Zephyr Point, Lake Tahoe.
October 11-12-13 — Annual meeting, Northern California Congregational Conference, San Mateo.

TULARE. Every seat was filled, and many were standing at the worshipful candlelight service on the Sunday afternoon before Christmas. An organ concert amplified out of doors called worshippers into the atmosphere of the service even before they reached the church. Young people in vestments placed candles while Mrs. Arthur L. Rice, wife of the pastor, told the Christmas story, and soloists made their contribution to the Christmas spirit.

BERKELEY, PARK. Christmas dinner was served to pupils in the Sunday school and their parents to the number of 86. Christmas breakfast was served by Rev. Tom Watt to 29 young people who signed cards. At the New Year's candlelight communion service eight new members were received into fellowship, seven of them on confession of faith. The service was largely attended by the members of the church and many of them were young people.

PENNGROVE. The Pilgrim Fellowship, with a membership of 26, entertained Rev. H. S. Davidson of Cloverdale and a group of his students who gave Bible stories in their own words, showing a remarkable grasp of Old Testament geography and history. Penngrove young people will return Cloverdale's visit, repeating the Biblical drama, "Even as You and I." Rev. C. C. Champlin is pastor.

KENWOOD. Rev. F. E. Boren and his people have been cheered by the good congregations on Sunday mornings, with a marked increase of young people, several of whom are helping in the Sunday school. The pastor leads a Bible class once in two weeks. The current expenses of the church are regularly cared for, partly through the generous support of the Ladies' Mite Society.

CAMPBELL. A new group of younger married and business women has been organized, with thirty members or more. The Women's Guild held a successful bazaar, raising a total of $300. Attendance at the morning service has increased. Rev. J. H. Bennett is the pastor.

OAKLAND, FIRST. Rev. Ralph C. Waddell was welcomed back to First Church at a Sunday school teachers' dinner early in December. John Reidenbach, son of the pastor, recently won an oratorical contest in the high schools of Oakland, using as his theme, "The Security of Democracy."

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. On Christmas Sunday morning fourteen young people and three adults were received into full membership of the church. The church has met its benevolence goal to the Congregational denomination in full. Rev. D. W. Throckmorton is the pastor.

SANTA ROSA. 24 new members united with the church on the first Sunday of January, making a total of 42 in the fifteen months of the pastorate of Rev. Wilfred Withington. The year was closed without debt, and plans are under way to making building repairs in the near future.

FOWLER. The dedication of the new social hall took place on December 10, with a splendid program in which the act of dedication was performed by the pastor, Rev. A. A. Goergizian, and the dedication prayer offered by Rev. G. M. Manavian.

STOCKTON. Attendance at the regular worship services has shown a fine improvement during the autumn. The men of the church have an active club, meeting monthly for informal discussion of current problems, with an attendance of about thirty. Ten new members were received into the church at the November communion. Rev. Noel J. Breed, the pastor, and the committees of the church carried through the details of the midwinter Pilgrim Fellowship Conference in a most capable manner.

SAN FRANCISCO, CONGREGATIONAL-METHODIST TEMPLE. Three services of public worship a Sunday, besides Church School and young people's meeting, make up the regular Sunday program at this united church. A vigorous program of personal evangelism is being carried forward, which will culminate during the Lenten season. Rosamond Joyzelle has been giving a series of Biblical interpretations.

LODI. Fine progress is being made under the leadership of Rev. A. R. Boone. The benevolence quota of $1200 was covered. The church building has been reshingled and other improvements made. Union services are held Sunday evenings with the Christian and Methodist churches. On the Sunday evening before Armistice Day the play, "The Great Choice," by Fred Eastman, was given to a large congregation.

RIPON. The church has unanimously extended a call to Rev. Robert A. Bentley of Portland, Oregon, and is anxiously awaiting his decision. A number of young people were in attendance at the Pilgrim Fellowship Conference at Stockton. The church is being supplied by faculty members of the College of the Pacific.

SAN LEANDRO, BROADMOOR. The building fund is being pushed for additional pledges; collections have been good thus far; monthly payments are being made to the bank. Rev. J. H. McCartney, the pastor, reports that the men's club is unusually prosperous and the young people's work is improving.

SAN CARLOS. A new Sunday school orchestra is making fine progress. Attendance at the church averages higher than any time before during the present pastorate. An all-time high record, of 180 people, attended the Christmas program of the Sunday school. Rev. Alden A. Read is the pastor.

COTATI. This church is seeking to secure the necessary funds to command the full-time service of the pastor, Rev. C. C. Champlin, who has heretofore also served the Penngrove church. Goals of increase have been set up for every department and activity for the year 1938.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY. Rev. H. K. Khachadourian reports there are newcomers each Sunday at service. The newly organized choir gave very fine Christmas programs. The pastor and his wife minister to Gregorian families as well as members of their own church.

ADIN. Flood waters reached up into the town and into several of the houses, and was within a foot of the floor of the parsonage. Not much damage resulted. Rev. A. W. Monosmith, pastor, continues to hold services regularly in Bieber.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. The Sunday school, under the direction of Mrs. Dorothy Bennett, had an average attendance during November of 201, and reached a total of 240 on the first Sunday of December.

Miss Mary Coxhead, director of community service, reports a total of 196 different babies as having been brought to the clinic, of which 106 received more than one treatment. The average weekly attendance in the autumn was ten.

"A New Financial Way" has been adopted by the church on recommendation of the pastor, Rev. T. T. Giffen. The elements of the plan are: (1) **Service**—that energy must be spent not in raising money but in helping people. (2) **Democracy**—for the widest possible representation in decisions regarding the budget. (3) **Information**—keeping people acquainted with the financial status and the program of the church. (4) **Goodwill**—or trusting the people to carry the expense without a special canvass. The pastor has invited a group of friends to unite with him in daily guided devotions.

ALAMEDA. A huge congregation was present for the Christmas cantata, which was presented before a background beautifully designed and executed by one of the young men of the church. At the 59th anniversary of the founding of the church, former members were welcomed and new members received. Rev. Gail Cleland, pastor, is delivering a series of sermons on Religion and the new Psychology on Sunday mornings. His themes are as follows: "The Mind—Servant or Master?" "The Hidden Resources of the Mind." "Building a Good Memory." "Religion and Health." "How to Make Friends and Keep Them."

REDWOOD CITY. Rev. Charles E. Ward, the pastor, reports that the annual pledge drive was exceedingly successful, the pledges recording a total increase of nearly 15 per cent over last year, and practically meeting the annual budget by themselves. A recent rummage sale by the Women's Guild netted $109, which paid the last installment on the new kitchen ranges and service tables. "The Forum," a new group for those of college and post-graduate age, has been organized to meet at the pastor's residence on Sunday evenings at 8 p. m.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. Again does Pilgrim Church reveal its faith—in reroofing the auditorium wing of the building with new Pabco shingles and providing enough for the north side of the roof of the hall to be placed later. During the two years under the leadership of Rev. Harvey Miller many hundreds of dollars of improvements have been made and obligations cared for. The church contributed a larger amount to benevolences in the past year than for a number of years.

SALIDA. The Sunday school department of the church, on the Sunday evening before Christmas, presented the pageant, "Why the Chimes Rang." It was a noteworthy performance and well attended. Mr. C. V. Carlson, the pastor, is a student of the Pacific School of Religion and is able to give only weekends to the work.

CAMPBELL. Over 90 were present at the annual meeting; 10 were admitted into membership the first Sunday in January.

PITTSBURG. The 55th anniversary of the church was celebrated on December 17, at "Open House." A playlet directed by Mrs. E. W. Benedict, wife of the pastor, depicted the first meeting of the members of the church, at which constitution, confession, and covenant were read, and the first Christmas program staged. All characters were in costume. An anniversary poem by Rev. C. I. Ford was read, and a short history of the Women's Auxiliary was given by Mrs. G. A. Kramer. Music was furnished by junior and adult choirs. A huge birthday cake was surrounded by 55 candles. Five young men attended the Pilgrim Fellowship Conference at Stockton. Articles of clothing have been given by the mission study group for the migrants.

PORTERVILLE. Harvest Home, the first church dinner to be held in the new social hall, drew 180 people. A Christmas luncheon and bazaar of the Ladies' Society brought a total of 300 women, and $200 was netted for a new carpet. More than 750 people were in attendance on Christmas Sunday at the various services, including the evening program when "The Christmas Story," in tableaux, Scripture, and song, was presented. Hundreds of gifts were brought and offering taken for local welfare work. Rev. John H. Gregg reports an average Sunday morning attendance for the year of 173.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. Rev. and Mrs. John G. Dickey, our new missionaries, have been on the field a month and already the churches at both Angels Camp and Murphy are feeling the effects of their work. Both churches have adopted the quotas suggested for benevolences for the coming year. Several young people attended the Pilgrim Fellowship Conference in Stockton. A live Sunday school is reported at Copperopolis of about 30 members. It has been decided that Mr. Dickey will preach at Angels Camp three Sunday mornings and one Sunday evening a month and at Murphy three Sunday evenings and one Sunday morning.

BERKELEY, NORTH. A most successful Every Member Canvass has been completed, under the leadership of Field Secretary Sherman and Mr. E. C. Crocker, a layman. It appears that the entire budget has been raised, which provides for important expansions during the coming year, and for heavier expenditures. Far more important than the money raised is the presence on the list of about forty new subscribers. Rev. Pierson Parker is pastor.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON AVENUE. A commission has been set up to study the present program of the Fellowship House and to make recommendations for the future, particularly looking toward the acquirement of the property. A splendid Christmas celebration was carried through under the leadership of the director, Mr. R. C. M. Fiske.

ALTURAS. Rev. J. K. Ballou, pastor, in reply to inquiries stated that the flood damage in Alturas as reported by the press was greatly exaggerated. The Indian community suffered heavily. There were several inches of water in the Congregational Church and it reached the floor of the parsonage, but no real damage was done.

LOOMIS. Early in the summer the church building was badly damaged by fire. The insurance company made an adjustment, giving the church something over $5,000 for damages. Through wise planning by a committee of laymen, and through the generosity of Loomis people who furnished material and labor, the church was able to pay a loan mortgage to the Building Society on the parsonage of $550, and the grant mortgage to the Church Building Society of $2,000; also to restore the building and greatly improve it. The plant will be more attractive and workable, and will make much better use of the available space. The year was closed without debt, and benevolence pledge was met in full. All of this was done without pastoral leadership.

SEBASTOPOL. In spite of difficult financial situation occasioned by the low price of apples, the Every Member Canvass within three days had brought about better results than a year ago, which had been a decided success. Missionary giving is gradually taking hold of the consciousness of the people. During the illness of the pastor, Rev. George E. Atkinson, the pulpit was cared for by local and nearby speakers, and by Field Secretary Sherman. Mr. Atkinson is now looking forward to the 40th anniversary of his ordination in the coming summer, and the golden jubilee of the church a year later.

TRINITY COUNTY. The completion of the church building at Hayfork is going forward slowly, in spite of delays due to storms and the difficulty of securing volunteer labor. Books that have come for the church library are being used freely.

At Weaverville there is an adult choir for the Sunday evening service and a junior choir for the morning. New surplices have been secured for the junior choir. The church far exceeded its goal of benevolence giving for the year. Rev. James D. Salmon is missionary pastor.

SAN MATEO. A mimeographed news bulletin entitled "Congregational Clippings" is published by the church, in which it is noted that a Thank Offering of $50 was made and generous boxes of warm clothing were sent for our work in Trinity County. Packages of goodies were sent to elderly folk and shut-ins in the community. Rev. Sidney Buckham, the pastor, served as director of the Pilgrim Fellowship Conference at Stockton, and took four young people with him. The church closed the year with a balanced budget.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. A beautiful Christmas program and service of worship was largely attended, the assembly room being crowded with people standing... A society of Chinese women of Berkeley has been formed to sew for refugees, and it has become identified with the program of the church. Mr. Dan Yee, the pastor, has secured the services of a young couple to teach in the language school.

EUREKA. Rev. Charles H. Hudson has been called to the pastorate of the church for the 11th year at the regular election on the occasion of the annual meeting. Christmas carols sung from the church were broadcast over Station KIEN. Mr. Hudson and Rev. Roscoe Douglass of Ferndale exchanged pulpits on Missionary Sunday.

FRESNO FIRST. This church just closed one of the best years of the pastorate of Rev. Norman B. Henderson. Twenty-two new members were received at the Communion Service in December. The church at its annual meeting in December reported no deficit of any kind for the first time in the last eight years, and the benevolent giving was increased by almost 30 per cent. Two new organizations, one for the young married people and another for business and professional women, show great promise. The business and professional women's groups at their December meeting had eighty-four present at the dinner and lecture which followed.

AUBURN. The year was closed with all bills paid, with a 62½ per cent increase in resident membership, and increased attendance in all departments. Three delegates were in attendance at the Pilgrim Fellowship Conference in Stockton, and are looking forward to a large delegation to Lake Tahoe. The young people, the women's organization, and the church school, each staged its separate Christmas pageant this year. Rev. H. J. Loken, the pastor, with other ministers of Auburn, will hold a miniature Oxford and Edinburgh Conference, looking toward closer cooperation among the Christian forces of the city.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. The Christmas season was beautifully observed by church and Sunday school, and by the young people in the singing of carols. Rev. J. B. Orr, the pastor, is preaching a series of sermons on "Worship" during the month of January. He leads an adult Bible class at the Sunday school hour, which for some people provides an early morning service of worship.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER. A new term of the College of Life has opened. There will be a class in personal problems of high school age and another in original investigation of the conditions of migrant workers. Supt. Wm. A. Tyler of Nebraska was a recent pulpit guest. Rev. Lawrence Wilson is just completing eight years of leadership of the church.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Mrs. Wm. T. Sadler

The Annual Federation Meeting will be on January 13 and 14, beginning at 2 P. M. on Thursday, in the First Congregational Church of Berkeley. Programs have been sent to all the churches.

TILLOTSON LIBRARY

From Berkeley, 225 books and a quantity of reconditioned Christmas cards, pictures, etc., 275 pounds in all, went to Tillotson College in Austin, Texas. In a letter just received from President Mary E. Branch, she says, "I thank you very heartily for the boxes of books which arrived last week. They will be of great help to us in building up our library. Some of them will be sent to the country schools where we are trying to help in building libraries. The library situation in most of the schools is quite inadequate, and in the Negro schools it is hardly worth considering. . . . From my point of view this is the very best year we have had at Tillotson College. Our enrollment for this semester is 361 students on the campus and 48 in our extension schools, making a total of 409 students. Not only are we proud of the number, but we are proud of the quality of the students registered this year. Both they and we are inconvenienced by their poverty; but we are struggling together, trying to make Tillotson College fill a missionary opportunity in the lives of these under-privileged people."

WAR-TIME EXPERIENCES

From Paotingfu, China, now occupied by the Japanese, Rev. Elmer W. Galt sends brief glimpses of life there: "Very soon after change of regime 'sale' was made of our Poland China boar and a couple of cross-breed sows for yen 10.00. This year's crop of cross-bred pigs soon followed as a 'gift' for those hungry for pork chops. When asked for my gold watch and chain, the sight of the implorer's army rifle with fixed bayonet helped break down 'sales resistance.' My woman colleague's reluctance to part with a good kodak and five-dollar gold piece was similarly overcome. And who among our Chinese staff has not smilingly 'offered' his most prized personal effects? One of our deacons has brought us a surviving pullet that he found in his yard. She may be the only such survivor within five miles. Our peak refugee population was estimated at 2,160. Now, 11 days after change of regime, we still have about 1,300, and prospect for reducing this number but little for some time yet, for lawlessness continues alongside the abundance of reassuring promises. 'Scatter all your refugees to their homes, where they should quickly resume normal life,' is the day-by-day official advice we listen to, 'for we Japanese are their best friends, and are planning all for their welfare.' 'Don't send any young woman from your compound, no matter what is said,' is the grapevine advice just as urgently pressed on us by friends, who witness some of the night life inside and outside of the city. The American flag may suggest 'pass on' to most of the air bombers, but it seems rather dim before a good number of light-fingered gentry. On the night of the bombardment with heavy explosives, a corner of my cellar with its 200 plus of refugees became a maternity ward. I understand mother and child afterwards did well. The screeching wails of a woman past 80, who went crazy, outdid the bombs for terrifying night noise. A big projectile that failed to explode was planted several feet deep in our vegetable garden. Hope it won't sprout and raise more."

AFTER 47 YEARS

Rev. and Mrs. Frederick W. MacCallum, veteran missionaries of the American Board in Turkey, have recently retired after 47 years of active service. They are now in San Francisco for a time, before visiting in Canada, their old home, whence they go to Greece to live. Dr. MacCallum, a distinguished linguist in our Publication Department in Istanbul, served beyond his allotted time in order to finish the translation of the Bible into modern Turkish,—a work requiring eight years. We extend our hearty congratulations on this great achievement, and our warm welcome to California. Frail health does not permit Dr. MacCallum to make speaking engagements, but we are to have the privilege of hearing Mrs. MacCallum in our near-at-hand Annual Federation Meeting. In the December **Missionary Herald,** Dr. MacCallum gives a very thoughtful appraisal of our present-day opportunities in Turkey.

PEACE ACTIVITIES

The letter to our Government urging cooperation and concerted action with other nations in behalf of world order and peace, which was presented by Mrs. C. A. Kofoid to our Federation at its last meeting, was then sent by our Social Relations Chairman to all our Commissioners, and was acted on by a number of churches and organizations.

OUR DEBT TO PILGRIMS

The Puritans had no Christmas. They had seen its abuse in England and they rejected its mummery and its "lord of misrule." To their attitude we owe a purer, fitter Christmas ever since.

Since 1769 we have observed December 22 as Forefathers' Day. Each year it should remind us of their indomitable pioneering courage, and of what we as Congregationalists and as Americans owe to their four outstanding devotions: (1) Loyalty to conscience. Nothing else could have sustained them. There is a difference between loyalty to conscience and certainty of what is right. Conscience never tells us **what** to do. To find out requires moral judgment. The Pilgrim-Puritans made some very great errors; but they were true to what they **believed** to be right, and this is their glory and honor. (2) Loyalty to the principle of freedom both in Church and State. The first church organization in America was in Salem in 1629; and the first use, in history, of the written ballot was in their election of pastor and teacher, who were re-ordained by the laying on of hands of **laymen** (the beginning of lay-ordination). The Covenant, signed in the cabin of the Mayflower, was adopted as the principle governing the life of the church; and this principle of covenant was always afterwards followed. At the day appointed for recognition of the establishment of the Salem Church, there appeared a delegation from Plymouth led by Governor Bradford,—the first instance of church fellowship. Out of this church federation and fellowship grew the leading principle of American government, as exemplified in the federation of the Colonies and the independence of each. To Roger Williams we owe the other great principle of the separation of Church and State. (3) Loyalty to education. Harvard was founded in 1636, with the classic wording of its purpose. Devotion to learning and insistence on a trained ministry are fundamental in Congregationalism, to which America owes so many of its institutions of learning, including our own University of California and the Pacific School of Religion, both incomparable gifts of the Pilgrim fathers to the Pacific Coast. (4) Loyalty to the church. Was there ever greater? Shivering congregations in unwarmed churches listening for hours, magnificently true to the church. The use of the Urn in Colonial church architecture, has special significance; for still in the ashes live the fires of the past, typifying the undying service of the past to the present. Of tremendous significance at the recent Edinburg Conference was the discovery for the first time that the Church of Christ consists not merely of groups of churches, but that every true church belongs to the Church Universal; that there is a Church that has continued through the ages, devoted to one great Cause and built on one great Foundation. This realization should come to all of us. Can we have a Universal Church, in which the highest values of all denominations shall be embodied? To such a Church our contribution as Congregationalists would be these four great devotions, which are our priceless inheritance from our Pilgrim-Puritan forefathers. (From Dr. John Wright Buckham's Pre-Christmas address to the Adult Forum of Berkeley First Church).

Through the personal efforts of Mrs. L. E. Reynolds of Plymouth Women's League, a shipment of 210 pounds, mostly requested clothing, went to our Pleasant Hill Academy in the Tennessee Mountains.

DOES IT PAY?

"Figures given out recently by the State Board of Equalization showed that the State's revenues from sale of liquor excise stamps last year totaled $8,063,990. Superficially that would seem to indicate a sizable profit to the State from the liquor industry. But there are some counterbalancing figures that also need to be taken into account.

"A statistical study made by the American Business Men's Research Foundation shows that 617 recorded automobile fatilities in California in the same 12 months that were due to 'had-been-drinking' drivers and pedestrians represented in financial loss alone no less than $30,850,000 or a sum nearly four times as great as the total of State receipts from liquor stamps. This figure does not take into consideration losses from the vast number of traffic injuries also attributable to somebody's drinking but in which fatalities did not result.

"This comparison serves further to bolster the contention made previously in this column that the State Board of Equalization seems more intent on serving the liquor interests well than on promoting the highest welfare of the people. Despite the oft-manifest cause and effect relation between drinking (not necessarily drunkenness) and traffic fatalities, the State Board of Equalization, which has practically czaristic powers in the matter, persists in licensing of liquor selling along highways.

"What craziness it is on the part of a State to write with one hand laws making drunken driving a crime, and with the other to sign liquor selling permits to dealers along roadsides whose customers are certain to come almost exclusively from motorists."—Palo Alto Times.

BIGGER AND BETTER WARS AND HOW TO START THEM!

Prescription for War: Take 2 gal. of the flour of Economic Rivalry, mix it with 2 qts. of the milk of Nationalism, and bring it to boil in the kettle of Secret Diplomacy. Then spice it with 1 pt. of the wine of Militarism and stir it with the spoon of False Propaganda, and within a very short time you will have one of the nicest, bloodiest wars that ever happened. And, if you bring it to the boil over the new 20th century Gas range, it will be so bloody that few will be left to tell the tale.—(From "International Problems Visualized," National Forum).

News from China

According to latest bulletin regarding conditions in China, word had come through the Japanese embassy to Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, that Dr. Leonard S. Wilbur and his family are well and safe. A message reached the Board on December 6 that Mrs. Pye, Miss McClure, Miss Horne, and Mr. Domke, are in the care of the China Inland Mission, Tshishan, Shansi. According to later word, Miss Dizney, Dr. Hugh Robinson, and Dr. Alma Locke Cooke are in the vicinity of Peiping. Rev. F. P. Beach of Foochow passed away the end of November.

GOLDEN WEDDING IN PORTERVILLE

On New Year's Day in the church auditorium a beautiful Golden Wedding ceremony was performed by the pastor for Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sears, in the presence of sons, daughters, and grandchildren, with the white-haired bride and groom pledging anew the vows of their youth. One-half of her married life Mrs. Sears has served as the faithful clerk of the church, just completing 25 years in this office.

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